

ARMY Declass/Release Instructions On File

Minutes of Editorial Meeting - 2 October 1945

Purpose of meeting: To discuss possible changes in Outline Guides to handle new priority list; instructions to contributors regarding these changes.

Lt. Ullman, Secretary of Board, attended and presented reasons for revision in outlines of chapters. He stated future Janises are to cover peace-time needs and that [REDACTED] in the same vein. He suggested going through chapter by chapter for revisions to fit peace-time needs. [REDACTED] spoke briefly on [REDACTED] plans -- still indefinite. As an example of revising Chapter VII, Transportation and Telecommunications, to fit peace-time needs, discussion followed on change in description of bridges from previous JANIS coverage of this topic. Suggestions made: (1) cut down details, (2) fit peace-time needs, and (3) keep military viewpoint for future war making, if necessary.

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Lt. Ullman announced future JANIS might become a mimeographed project, with black and white maps, and holding photos in reserve if ever needed for a printed copy. He also stated future studies would be much smaller, stating Defenses and Naval Facilities already dropped and possibly other military chapters to be dropped also.

Lt. Quam discussed attitude of people toward area and boundary problem, and their intentions and capabilities for potential developments. Chapter X, People and Government, to be expanded with this in mind.

Discussion followed on chapters needing constant supplementing and those of stationary nature. First block of Chapters II, III, IV, V, could be written up once and need no revision; second block of Chapters VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII to be expanded and kept up-to-date.

Dr. Sharpe spoke of using more graphic material in cutting down manuscript pages.

Major Rasche spoke of poor impression to be gained from immediately changing to small mimeograph sheet from nice printed copy. With reference to using mimeograph or ditto process for future JANIS, Lt. Quam spoke of Army Map Service expansion and facilities available there for high color maps, instead of black and white copies. General consensus of opinion favored photo-offset printing, if feasible, rather than mimeographing.

Continuing on method of producing future JANIS, Lt. Ullman brought up cost of beautiful printed job, as compared with photo-offset or ditto, - budgets have been cut. Suggestion made to check O.N.I. Reproduction and A-2 Reproduction sections for cost estimates on offset printing jobs.

Discussion followed on individual chapter changes:

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Chapter II. "Significant Areas" section suggested to be moved to end of brief (Chapter I) instead of in military chapter. "Soil Traffidability" to be used in conjunction with Transportation material. Suggested changes of chapter title: "Physical Geography", or "Terrain", or "Terrain and Vegetation". Discussion as to whether major parts of chapter could be transferred to sections of other chapters. Meeting with contributors to discuss these changes.

Chapter III. Embodies mixture of facts into theory. Contributor does not draw any conclusions. Chapter should be simplified in presentation and more conclusions drawn. Basic general information will not vary. Too much detail for a specialized topic. More general information on trade routes. No need for Bottom Sediment Charts. However, could be used instead of tables. All important geographic place names should be indicated on all maps. Sunlight Diagrams could be combined with military chapter. Discussion of combining Chapters III and IV, which would mean three contributors on one chapter. Also question of combining Chapters III and V. Capt. Vogler also brought up suggestion of "military appendix" to the whole JANIS, or a particular chapter.

Chapter IV. Could be cut down to 1/3 of present size. Characterize large segments of coast rather than continue point-to-point description. Most of information could be shown on maps.

Chapter V. If agreeable to contributor, chapter should be pointed more toward climatic conditions as affecting agriculture, as well as those affecting military operations. Discussion of decrease in tables. Meteorological aspects affecting air operations should be continued. All radio reception climatological data definitely expanded and continued. Detailed description of characteristics along all major commercial air lines suggested, if not too bulky.

Chapter VI. Mr. Grant felt that parts of chapter leaned toward Chapter VII, and Chapter VIII. He felt that duplication could be avoided by combining with Chapter VIII. Naval Facilities have already been combined with Port Facilities and he definitely felt a section on shipping should be included in chapter. If Chapter IX were more detailed, much of Chapter VI could be cut. The topic of "oil storage" is given in Chapter IX, but not enough detail. Suggestion made to give more detail in Chapter IX and delete from Chapter VI, carrying reference to Chapter IX. Discussion followed on having more time to write and edit future JANIS, and the use of more detailed tables. Question also brought up of doing a complete JANIS of China in one study.

Lt. Werble brought up query: Are piers, wharves, etc., to be described as elements on a shipping route, or as part of a city or town?

Chapter VII. Detail on bridges cut down - add more on traffic flow - fit into economy of country. Discussion of new potential routes - route material in Chapter II should be transferred to this chapter. Road system - emphasis on listing roads which link other places, or define system as such and part they play. Good map to cover this last detail.

Chapter VIII. Cities and Towns, with the atomic bomb in view, could easily become chief military chapter. If one town serves as chief market center, obliteration with bomb would cripple area. Suggestion made to break down census figures of each city and town. Also include map showing functional industrial makeup of town. Details of billeting facilities could be eliminated. Concentrate on a few large towns, and prepare annotated guides to all.

Chapter IX. Revised Outline Guide on this chapter has been prepared. New chapter title suggested: "Resources, Industry, and Commerce". Resources to be emphasized above everything else - with minimum on trade, banking, etc. Major Lynn brought up query: To what extent would this chapter duplicate work of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce?

Chapter X. Discussion on attitude of people in area under study toward invaders and liberators. Suggestion made to include more information on labor supply in individual towns. Query: To what extent political leanings and alignments of country in peace-time to be included. Chapter could be divided into two sections: (1) Population and Social Structure, and (2) Government. Religion and languages under Social Structure.

Chapter XI. Lt.(jg) MacMillan made suggestion that this chapter could be absorbed into Chapters VIII, IX, and X. Sewage and hospitalization are discussed in Chapter VIII; Water supply in Chapter IX; Organization of Health Department in Chapter X. Diseases could also be discussed in Chapter X.

Capt. Vogler brought up military angle on coverage by this chapter. Suggestion made to obtain information from numerous and up-to-date Surgeon General's office reports. Statement made that it would depend on area being covered as to how much material on diseases would be necessary. However, military operations angle would require sufficient material on sanitation of area to be occupied. Suggestion also made to include more specific information on prevalence of diseases instead of listing all diseases.

Chapter XII. Major Lynn stated that A-2 is only agency having Air Facilities information and that they have their own method of preparing and presenting information. Air Facilities Branch of A-2 to emphasize commercial air facilities in future. Chief aim of Chapter XII is to describe Air Facilities and Fields. Present Outline Guide quite adequate.

Final discussion: Suggestion made to request all contributors for any new suggestions and ideas, and to submit outlines. However, each editor to take this pending change in outline up in person with his contributor and arrive at changed Outline Guides together. Each editor reminded not to commit himself to contributor, however, that contributor's revised Guide will be accepted without revisions.